

FEBRUARY 6, 1835.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. GALBRAITH, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the following bill :

A BILL

Supplementary to the act entitled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the limits of the State of Missouri and Territory of Arkansas to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," approved the twenty-sixth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-four.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 any person or persons in the Territory of Arkansas, claim-
4 ing lands entered by any decree of confirmation of the superior
5 court of Arkansas Territory, under the act of Congress en-
6 titled "An act enabling the claimants to lands within the
7 limits of the State of Missouri and Territory of Arkansas to
8 institute proceedings to try the validity of these claims," ap-
9 proved twenty-sixth May, eighteen hundred and twenty-four,
10 may file with the register and receiver of any land office in
11 said Territory where such lands are situated, evidence that
12 such lands were entered by an assignment of such decree of
13 confirmation, or the land purchased by an innocent pur-
14 chaser after the lands were legally entered by any such con-
15 firmation, for a valuable consideration, without any knowledge

16 of fraud in the transaction, before the passage of an act of
17 Congress entitled "An act for further extending the powers
18 of the judges of the superior court of the Territory of Ar-
19 kansas, under the act of the twenty-sixth May, eighteen hun-
20 dred and twenty-four, and for other purposes," approved the
21 eighth May, eighteen hundred and thirty. And the register
22 and receiver at the respective land offices in Arkansas be, and
23 are hereby, directed to keep a record of said claims as in other
24 cases, and report the same to Congress, together with any
25 evidence offered them of the validity of said claim, and of the
26 purchase thereof, without knowledge of fraud on the part of
27 the purchasers, together with their opinions touching said
28 claims, and of the innocence of the purchasers thereof.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all claimants
2 who do not present their said claims, respectively, within two
3 years from the passage of this act, shall be forever barred.